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PRESIDENT: Motion carries. In the north balcony we have eight senior high students from Lexington, Nebraska. This is Senator Herb Duis' district. In the south balcony we have thirty-nine junior high students from Columbus, Nebraska. This is from Senator Dworak's district. We appreciate both of you groups coming here. Thank you very much.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move that LB987 be indefinitely postponed, signed, Senator Chambers. That lays over.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, the bill can either be killed by a bang by suspending the rules and taking up the motion now or it can be allowed to die with a whimper by allowing it to lay over and die through a parliamentary quirk. So, what I am going to do is to move, now, that the rules be suspended so that this motion can be taken up today.

PRESIDENT: All right. The motion before us is to suspend the rules to allow the indefinitely postpone motion to be voted on at this time. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, Senator Chambers has been supporting the bill all the way. Senator Chambers was the one that elected to put the bill in this position where a suspension of the rules is necessary to decide its fate rather than to move ahead with the amendment. I think that we should just not suspend the rules and leave the situation as it is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would urge you that the motion be withdrawn or you support the suspension of the rules and take up and let the bill proceed. I think that many of the people will be surprised what a good bill this is, instead of all of the statements that have been made about gutting it, they are really not that true. There are some things that I did not agree on that weakened it, but there was a lot that went on that strengthened it. I would hope that the motion to kill would be quickly disposed of and would allow the bill to proceed to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, again direct your remarks to the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, and I want to thank Senator Warner for those remarks. I concur in what he said. I think that it would be the coward's way out to let this bill lie over until tomorrow because we know that would kill it. That would be the easy way out, but let me tell you it is not going to be easy when the voters of the state look at us. We should vote to suspend the rules and do away with it one way or the other. Either pass it or vote for the kill.